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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re application of:) Attorney Docket No. 087522785371
Josiah M. Ives, et al.)
Application No.: 10/712,225)
Filed: November 13, 2003)
For: WORK BOARD ASSEMBLY)
Examiner: Gary Chapman Hoge)
Art Unit: 3611)
Confirmation No.: 8489)

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11, 20, 22, 23, 27, 31, 38-50 and 56-70 have been cancelled and new claims 71-75 have been added to the application.

Claims 5, 8-10, 12-19, 21, 24-26, 28-30, 32-37, 51-55 and 71-75 are now in the application.

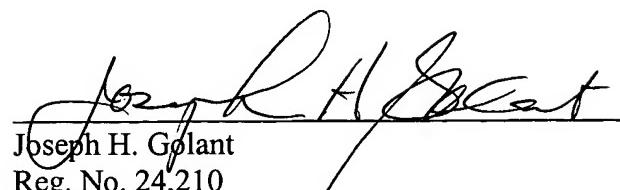
Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 5, 8-10, 12-19, 21, 24-26, 28-30, 32-37 and 51-55 provided that some of them are rewritten in independent form; claims 5, 8, 10, 15, 21, 24, 28, 32 and 51 have been made independent so that all of the provisionally allowed claims are in allowable condition.

The new claims 71-75 are believed patentable over the cited art. More particularly, claim 71 includes the limitations not found in the cited art of "a bracket for attachment to a wall, said bracket having a cam" and "wherein said cam tightens said rail to said bracket". Claim 74 includes the limitation of a hook assembly including "a biasing element for allowing said board attaching structure and said rail attaching structure to separate slightly."

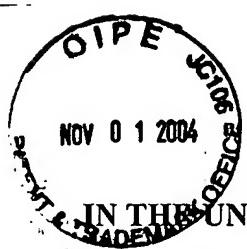
Allowance of new claims 71-75 is respectfully solicited.

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AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute the attached eleven sheets of formal drawings for the informal drawings originally filed with the application.